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- 1. PERMREP WAS ALSO UNAWARE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF MIS POSITION, AS WAS CHAIRMAN OF MIS TASK FORCE KHOSLA. KHOSLA KNOWS FLOWERS WELL, BUT EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT THAT VERY FIRM OFFER COULD HAVE BEEN MADE OR THAT FIRM DECISION HAD EVEN BEEN TAKEN TO ESTABLISH POSITION. HE ALSO SEEMED SOMEWHAT DOUBTFUL THAT POSITION COULD BE GRADED AT LEVEL TO APPEAL TO FLOWERS.
- 2. HOWEVER, GIVEN RELATIVELY FREE-WHEELING PERSONNEL OPERATIONS OF UNEP HIGH COMMAND AND FACT THAT KARLSTROM HAS PURSUED SUBJECT WITH FLOWERS (WHICH PERMREP DOUBTS HE WOULD HAVE DONE EXCEPT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM NAIROBI), IT APPEARS THAT AT LEAST TENTATIVE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, ALTHOUGH ONE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED CHAIRMAN OF TASK FORCE TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.
- 3. PERMREP SERIOUSLY DOUBTS THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN OFFER TO FLOWERS AND KHOSLA'S POSSIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPARTURE. MIS AD HOC TASK FORCE HAS BEEN PART OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE (SEE P.2, UNEP/EDB 39) AND MIS WOULD EITHER REMAIN THERE OR POSSIBLY PLACED UNDER DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION.

4. KHOSLA MAINTAINS THAT HIS FUTURE PLANS STILL UNCERTAIN. HE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE "SOON" (WITHIN SIX MONTHS?),

BUT IS UNABLE TO GET EITHER TOLBA OR THACHER TO FOCUS ON SUBJECT. HE PLANS TO TRY TO CORNER THACHER WHEN LATTER RETURNS TO NAIROBI. PERMREP WILL DO LIKEWISE, TO MAKE SURE THACHER KNOWS OF OUR INTEREST IN THAT POSITION. IN MEANTIME, SUGGEST THAT IF FLOWERS POSITION IN FACT AVAILABLE THAT WE GO FOR THAT WITHOUT REGARD TO KHOSLA SLOT. THERE SHOULD BE NO LINKAGE BETWEEN THE TWO POSITIONS AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE WHEN IRS JOB WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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